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1. PSYCHIATRIC INTERVIEW OF HESS WAS HELD AT SPANDAU
PRISON ON 19 APRIL. DOCTORS FROM EACH OF THE FOUR
POWERS CONDUCTED THE INTERVIEW TOGETHER; ONLY THE SOVIET
PHYSICIAN WAS NOT A PSYCHIATRIC SINCE NONE WAS AVAILABLE
(WE WERE TOLD) AT THE TIME. THE DOCTORS AGREED
ON A JOINT REPORT. THE REPORT FOLLOWS BELOW.

2. COMMENT: WE REGARD THIS REPORT, TOGETHER WITH
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RESULTS RECEIVED TO DATE AS
STRONG EVIDENCE THAT HESS IS IN AS GOOD PHYSICAL AND
MENTAL CONDITION AS ONE CAN EXPECT OF A PERSON WHO HAS
BEEN IMPRISONED FOR SO MANY YEARS, ESPECIALLY ONE
IMPRISONED IN A PLACE WITH SPANDAU'S SINGULAR POLITICAL
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PAST AND PRESENT. IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT DISCUSSION OF
IMPROVEMENTS IN CONDITIONS OF HIS IMPRISONMENT WOULD FOLLOW
IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS REPORT; HOWEVER, AS WE
FEARED, BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNORS HAVE INSTRUCTIONS
NOT TO RAISE REPEAT RAISE MATTER UNTIL AFTER THEIR
GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE FOLLOW-UP DEMARCHES TO SOVIETS ON
RELEASE OF HESS. THEY ALSO WISH THAT WE NOT RAISE

MATTER. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT IF SOVIET GOVERNOR RAISES IT. WE ARE HOPEFUL HE WILL, AS WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IMPROVEMENTS IN HESS' CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT SHOULD BE (AND CAN BEST BE) HANDLED AS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER ENTIRELY SEPARATE FROM POLITICAL ISSUE OF HESS' RELEASE FROM SPANDAU.

3. TEXT OF DOCTORS' REPORT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: CONCERNING: CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PSYCHIATRIC INTERVIEW OF RUDOLF HESS AT SPANDAU PRISON ON 19 APRIL 1977.

THE FOLLOWING FOUR EXAMINERS CONDUCTED THE INTERVIEW TOGETHER: DR. M. KASHGARIAN(U.S.A.) DR. C. MAURICE(FR.) DR. R.J. WAWMAN (U.K.) DR. BORISOV(U.S.S.R.) TWO INTERPRETERS WERE PRESENT. RUDOLF HESS GAVE RESPONSES MAINLY IN ENGLISH WITH SOME GERMAN AND FRENCH. THE EXAMINERS AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY TO BE SUBMITTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS. THE TRANSLATION MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY.

MENTAL STATUS - TODAY WE FIND HIS MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL STATE WITHIN NORMAL LIMITS.

HIS EMOTIONAL STATE AND AFFECTIVE RESPONSE WAS APPROPRIATE. HE WAS NOT DEPRESSED, NOR RETARDED, NOR AGITATED. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF SUICIDAL IDEAS NOR DID HE GIVE SUICIDAL THREATS FOR THE FUTURE.

THERE WERE NO THINKING DISTURBANCES, NO CONFUSION, NO BLOCKING, NO OVERT DELUSIONS, NO OBVIOUS PARANOID
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IDEAS.

HIS INTELLECT WAS EXCELLENT FOR A MAN OF 83 YEARS OF AGE.

HIS MEMORY IS FAIR BUT HAS MANY LACUNAE AND THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED IN KEEPING WITH HIS AGE AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

THERE IS FIRM EVIDENCE THAT HE HAS HAD DEPRESSIVE EPISODES IN THE PAST AND IT IS VERY PROBABLY THAT THESE WILL RECUR AND MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUICIDAL ACTIONS AND/OR SELF INJURIES.

RECOMMENDATIONS - 1) WE RECOMMEND THE AVAILABILITY OF A RADIO AND/OR A TELEVISION SET FOR THE PRISONER. THIS MAY HELP HIS MENTAL STATE IN TH FUTURE ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT OF ANY PRIMARY IMPORTANCE IN THE ALLEVATION OF A DEPRESSIVE EPISODE.

2) IF HIS REACTION TO VISITORS IS KNOWN TO BE FAVORABLE, WE RECOMMEND MORE FREQUENT VISITS BY RELATIVES.

3) EXERCISE AT HIS REQUEST IS GOOD THERAPY PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY.

4) EXTRAORDINARY METHODS OF SURVEILLANCE ARE NOT LONGER NECESSARY TAKING IN CONSIDERATION HIS PRESENT

CONDITION. END TEXT.

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